

REMARKS

Claims 1-10 remain pending after this amendment.

The claims have been amended for clarity.

Shively fails to teach or suggest the combination of the independent claims of this application. Those claims recite "an ordered set having a plurality of positions" and "an imposition plan defining a layout of pages for one or more print sheets, the layout specifying a plurality of page locations on the print sheets". Positions in the ordered set are associated with the page locations of the imposition plan. Individual pages are assigned to positions in the ordered set.

The portion of Shively at col. 4, ln. 45-57, as understood, discloses creating an instruction set (25). The instruction set includes both instructions regarding which pages should be included on the flat (24) and also where on the flat (24) the pages should be positioned. Shively's instruction set cannot be equated with the claimed ordered set because it does not have any positions which are associated with page locations in a layout of a separate imposition plan, as claimed. Shively's instruction set (25) itself specifies a layout indicating where on the flat (24) each page is to be rendered (see e.g. col. 8, ln. 39-42).

The Applicant submits that all of the independent claims patentably distinguish Shively et al. for the foregoing reasons. Therefore, the Applicant submits that this application is in condition for allowance.

The Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and allowance of claims 1-10 in light of the foregoing amendments and remarks.

Respectfully submitted,

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